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HB 806

Comments on House Bill 806 by Senator John Cobb, March 6, 2007

1. I would recommend that the committee put into HB 806 the subcommittee work on HB 2 for the corrections budget. I do not know the other budgets so will not comment.
2. There is a request to spend \$280,000 general fund per year for three FTE and the work they have to do to place people in corrections that will come out and those in the Montana State Hospital that will come out that probably are SSI eligible. This would allow a number of persons that will probably never get a job due to their disabilities to have health care and their medication if needed as well as a monthly payment from the federal government. This will cut down on the number of people returning to prison or the State Hospital.
3. Although I do not agree with a number of the proposals in HB 806 or the other separate appropriation bills I do believe these bills are **legal** and if they are passed by the House I will defend them in the Senate as being legal.